

## **Beach Commission Minutes**

### **Meeting of 10/11/2011**

**Attending: Bill Seiple, John Bagwill, Dave Leys, Rian Wilkinson, John Crimmins, Helen Flynn, Chris Semonelli, Shawn Brown, Tim Shaw**

- 1. Bring meeting to order, 4:36 PM.**
- 2. Approved minutes of Sept. 13, 2011, with one correction- Corrected the spelling of Mr.Crocce's name. Mistakenly shown as Socce- He spoke at the Sept .meeting**
- 3. Review the Third Beach boat ramp proposal.**

**Rian reported that committee member, John Ceglarski, as requested at the September meeting, had written a very good proposal for review.**

**Rian reported that the enclosures in the introduction- items #1,#2, #3 had been forwarded to the town council and that the BC should begin with items A-H.**

**Mr. Bagwill suggested that since the scope of the project has increased, so should the proposal name. After a short discussion, the committee agreed to rename the proposal, "Boat Ramp/ Floating Docks".**

**a. There was a lengthy debate concerning the reliability of the town's survey- ramp/dock location.....Carol Cummings , Indian Ave, and John Bagwill suggested that the ramp, according to the town's**

drawings, was still on St. George's property by approx 40-60'. If the ramp had to be moved to the West, towards the creek, it would reduce the town's bathing beach. The town agreed that a Class 1 survey was not conducted, but that the proposed ramp was on town property.

Bill S. reported that the state DEM was aware that there was the possibility that there would be some reasonable movement in the location and that was not a problem.

John Bagwill felt if the ramp had to be moved, it could cause problems with the town's residents who had seen the orange location marker, at the present ramp location they used that location to evaluate the impact of a boat ram/ dock proposal.

**Decision:** After discussion, it was, unanimously, agreed that the ramp/ floating docks should remain at "approximately" the present location.

- b. The committee added "seasonal"- referring to the docks. Also added- estimated number of floating docks at 4-5, 10' x 20' docks.
- c. No changes. Section- eliminated piers and a pump out station.
- d. No changes- Safety conditions- around.. about the present boat ram;. Also noted that this should be a 2012 priority- Project list
- e. Federal/ State funding- After discussions with Shawn Brown and Chris Semonelli, it was obvious that the Town Council wanted to retain complete control over the beach and parking lot. Therefore the committee agreed, unanimously, to reject any state and federal funds.

**This section will be, appropriately, re-worded to show this change.**

**Shawn Brown also informed the BC that St. Georges would not consider any use of a**

**boat ramp on their property if federal/ state funding were accepted. Also, without federal/state funding, the proposal could not be considered by the town for several years.**

**f. St Georges ramp relocation ( East side of Parking Lot). Since it is known that St. Georges would prefer not to have a boat ramp/floating dock on their property, this section was eliminated. There were also several problems with the East parking location including, eel grass beds, beach elevation, shallow water, trailer maneuverability, and, potentially, significant changes to the Harbor Management Plan.**

**g. Add-“d”- that no federal or state funds be used in the project.**

**h. ADA compliance- no change**

**i. The Beach Commission recommends that the Town Council appropriate the necessary funding in the upcoming budget (approx \$45,000) to extend the eastern edge of the existing ramp with “Armor Flex” or similar material to mitigate risks associated with launching and retrieving boats.**

**The BC, unanimously, approved a motion that the Boat Ramp/ Floating docks proposal , with the said changes, be forwarded to the town council for review.**

**4. 2012 Project List. Rian requested that this item be postponed until the Nov. meeting. The town wants to, immediately, begin review on the 2012 concession contracts.**

## **5. New Business- New Contracts, Beach Bids, Tim Shaw**

**Concession: The BC received proposals for all 5 concession contracts**

**Third Beach- (2) Windsurfer rental and food concession**

**Second Beach-( 3) Surfboard Rental- Rock Concession- Main concession**

**Contracts will be for 5 years. There may be consideration for the food concession- Second Beach, if there is on-going construction on the proposed building.**

**Bids will be advertised in local and regional media.**

**Add SUP- Stand Up Paddleboards to both the Second and Third Beach water sport bids.**

**Possibly, consider the reputation and quality of product when evaluating food concession bids. Rian noted that the present food concessionaire, at Second Beach, gives 50% discount to all beach employees.**

**Chris Semonelli asked how the town could help the concessionaires, especially considering the building limitations. All agreed, a new building would be more efficient and promote concession sales and, probably, higher bids. Also, allowing the concessionaire to sell additional products- sunglasses, toys, shirts etc, could be reflected in the town “minimum bid” requirement.**

**Review ‘Exclusivity’ conflicts. Example: Should the winner of the Second Beach Surfboard rental bid have exclusive rights to all lessons and camps? Or can other agencies run competing**

**programs, without bidding. This may have to be forwarded to the town's legal staff for consideration.**

**Meeting adjourned 6:05 PM**